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1. CONSIDER THERE NO BASIS FOR ALARM RE SYRIAN ALERT STUATUS.
HAD TWO HOUR MEETING TODAY WITH SYRIAN COS SHIHABI, IN
COURSE OF WHICH ASKED HIM ABOUT RECENT SYRIAN ALERT
PRIOR 'ID AL-ADHA AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (DAMASCUS 3058). SHIH
BI
STATED THAT SYRIAN ARMED FORCES ROUTINELY GO ON HEIGHTENED
ALERT ON OCCASION HOLIDAYS. HE MAINTAINED THAT ALERT
IMMEDIATELY PRIOR RECENT MOSLEM FEAST WAS IN NO
SENSE "FULL."

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2. SHIHABI STATED THAT SYRIAN RESERVISTS HAVE NOT BEEN AND ARE NOT

BEING PERMANENTLY CALLED UP. HE OBSERVED THAT SYRIAN RESERVISTS WITH SPECIALIST TRAINING MAY SPEND SOMEWHAT MORE THAN THE NORMAL 45 DAY ANNUAL CALL UP TO WHICH ALL RESERVISTS, WITHOUT LIMIT OF AGE, ARE SUBJECT.

3. EMBOFF HAS JUST RETURNED FROM MEETING WITH OFFICIALS ON PRESIDENCY STAFF AND REPORTS PREALENCE OF NORMAL PRE-HOLIDAY LETHARGY.

4. COMMENT: MY DCM, WHO HAS REASON TO KNOW, ADVISES "BEWARE OF GREEKS BEARING INTELLIGENCE."
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